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U.S. INTRIGUES BEHIND IRON CURTAIN
LURE SCIENTISTS FROM RUSSIANS

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WASHINGTON, May 26--Behind the scenes, the U.S. has succeeded in cutting down Soviet Russia's atomic-bomb production.

How it was done is one of the big untold stories of underground intrigue now raging secretly in parts of Communist Europe.

The publishable details are these: The U.S. lured away from the Soviet zone of Germany practically all the trained scientists working on one intricate mechanism needed in atomic-bomb production. The last man came over last week.

The work these highly-skilled and extensively trained men do is one of the big bottlenecks in atomic manufacture. Without them, Soviet bomb output is curtailed by 10 to 15 bombs over a known--but secret--period of time.

Comment: Dr. Malcolm Henderson of the Atomic Energy Commission stated in connection with this article that the AEC Public Relations Section had called Steffan Andrews and asked him where he got this information, and his reply was "it came from CIA and your top people know all about it"

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